

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the amount sanctioned for the repair and maintenance of the National Highways in Jharkhand and Maharashtra during the last two years till date alongwith the year-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the annual allocation for the repair and maintenance of the National Highways in Jharkhand and Maharashtra has always been reduced;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that most of the National Highways in the above states are in bad condition due to lack of repair and maintenance leading to accidents and causing difficulty in smooth movement of traffic; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) The year wise details of amount sanctioned during last two years uptill now for repair and maintenance of National Highways in Jharkhand and Maharashtra is given below:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

| Name of State | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| Jharkhand     | 15.46   | 19.78   |
| Maharashtra   | 49.85   | 46.53   |

(b) The annual allocation for the repair and maintenance of the National Highways has increased in Jharkhand whereas in Maharashtra it has decreased. The annual allocation to a State depends upon the overall allocation available to the Ministry and the condition/length of the National Highways in the various States.

(c) & (d)The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and is carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of funds and inter se priority. Out of 1834 Km. length of National Highway in Jharkhand, 1063 Km has been covered for improvement under various schemes during last four years till date. Besides this, 192 Km. length is covered under National Highways Development Programme by National Highways Authority of India. Remaining stretches of the National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy condition by the State Government under Ordinary Repair Programme. As regards Maharashtra, the National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy condition.